

Preface

This manual provides authoritative doctrine for the Army maintenance system to support maintenance operations at all echelons across the full range of military operations as part of the combat service support (CSS) system.

During the transition period that extends through the first decade of the twenty-first century, there will be a mixture of AOE and Force XXI units. In this manual, we begin to address emerging Force XXI doctrine as it impacts maintenance operations and procedures, including organizations, equipment, and personnel. Interim updates to this manual, unit-specific field manuals, and tactics, techniques, and procedures will be posted electronically on the CASCOM Ordnance Training (<http://www.cascom.army.mil/ordnance/>) and the USAOCS (<http://130.114.88.10>) home pages.

The intended audience of the manual includes—

- Combat and combat support commanders—to give them a more universal understanding of how maintenance support operations are organized and provided.
- CSS commanders and staffs—to inform them on the integration of maintenance support operations into the CSS and total Army missions.
- Soldiers and students—to give them a broad knowledge of the maintenance support operations structure and how it works.

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NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, the masculine gender in this manual refers to both men and women.